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Millennium Commission

Marking the  
close of the  
**second millennium**  
and celebrating  
the start of the  
**third millennium**

THE MILLENNIUM COMMISSION'S WORK IN SCOTLAND



IT'S SO DYNAMIC  
...Our Dynamic  
Earth in Edinburgh  
is one of Scotland's  
main attractions



# Scotland's

**F**OR the whole world, the arrival of the year 2000 is a great and unforgettable moment in history.

One generation in 40 are lucky enough to live through a change of millennium.

It's an occasion for commemoration and, of course, for celebration.

Across the UK, the Millennium Commission has the responsibility of helping local communities to mark the close of the second millennium and celebrate the start of the third.

There will be something happening everywhere and something for everyone.

The Millennium Commission is insuring that this great event is enjoyed now and remembered for a

very long time to come.

## So what's happening in Scotland?

In Scotland alone, more than £200million is being invested by the Millennium Commission – a total of £39.02p for every man, woman and child living in the country.

The money is being used for all kinds of projects, from helping to fund the construction of the new South Stand and refurbishment of the West Stand at the National Stadium, Hampden Park, through to Awards to individuals and small community events celebrating the country's heritage and culture.

At the big landmark projects, such as the much-praised Our Dynamic Earth exhibition in Edinburgh, visitor numbers have already well exceeded expectations.

But the real impact of the Millennium Commission's work will be felt at a local level. For instance, dozens of village and community halls and over 100 newly-planted woodlands will be supported the length and breadth of Scotland.

## What exactly is the Millennium Commission?

The Millennium Commission is an independent body, funded by the National Lottery as one of the good causes which share 28p of the money which comes from every £1 ticket.

Nearly everyone has heard of the Millennium Dome – the exciting project which will be the focus of the UK's millennium celebrations.

It will open on Hogmanay of this year and will remain open until the very end of the year 2000.

However, there's much more to the Millennium Commission's work than the Dome alone. There is a huge amount happening in the rest of the UK including Scotland, which is receiving the largest allocation of money to celebrate the millennium than anywhere in the UK.

Millennium Commission money is making a difference. The changes it is bringing will be real and lasting.

The Millennium Commission is investing a total of around £2billion. But because funds have been matched by others, the overall investment will be closer to £4bn.

These projects and schemes will

provide an enduring benefit for all the people of the UK and will leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

## THE Millennium Commission programme falls into four broad areas:

### MILLENNIUM PROJECTS:

The Commission is investing more than £1.2bn in the development of a wide and diverse range of projects across the UK.

The money has now been awarded to nearly 200 projects and the investment will be visible on more than 3,000 sites across the UK.

The range of different initiatives supported is huge.

For instance, there's a project to plant thousands of trees on 13,000 hectares across Scotland, to floodlight local churches, to provide classic literature for every state secondary school.

And there's major investment in the new National Cycle Network, plus plans to ring out the millennium with new church bells – something, in short, for everyone.

**MILLENNIUM PEOPLE:** The Millennium Awards Scheme provides grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 to individuals, giving them the chance to mark the millennium by turning their ideas into reality.

These Awards are channelled through established charities and other organisations with a proven



**KIDS IN ...** all dressed-up for a historical re-enactment as part of Songline 2000, a Millennium Festival event





OUT TO LAUNCH...  
the Raleigh  
International  
Millennium Awards  
Scheme kicks off  
last June

track record in grant allocation, ensuring that the money is effectively distributed.

The investment brings benefits to communities and is given out irrespective of age, ability or background. Over £1million a month goes directly to individuals via small grants of about £2,000.

By the beginning of the new millennium, some 40,000 individuals will have received an Award and thousands more will have benefited.

**MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL:** As well as commemoration, the new millennium is also about celebration.

The Millennium Commission has established a £100million Festival Fund in conjunction with other Lottery distributors in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, in partnership with the New Millennium Experience Company.

This fund will support large celebratory events all across the UK, as well as hundreds of grants to community-based festivals marking the nation's creativity and diversity.

**THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE:** Situated on the Greenwich Peninsula, right on the Meridian Line, the Millennium Dome will be the centrepiece of the UK's millennium celebrations.

A spectacular opening ceremony on December 31 of this year will herald the beginning of a year-long celebration of Britain's ideas, creativity and technology.

There's also a UK-wide programme of events and activities linked to the important theme of the Millennium Experience.

This will involve schools, voluntary groups, churches, local authorities and businesses throughout the UK.

These initiatives will be based around the themes of education, sport, environment, arts, voluntary work and access to technology.

**Leaving a legacy:** The aim of the Millennium Commission is to leave a lasting legacy in the shape of nearly 200 major national, regional and smaller community-based Millennium projects.

The Millennium Commission is bringing a new vision - 40,000 people using Millennium Awards to develop their bright ideas to benefit themselves and others.

There are also celebrations, with large festival events in 22 UK cities and thousands of community-based festivals the length and breadth of the UK.

All in all, there's a huge amount going on. People in Scotland and across the UK have a whole range of exciting and stimulating projects and events on offer.

They aim to bring the spirit of the future to the world of today - to make real and lasting changes which will benefit all our lives.

Enjoy them!

**BREATHING:** Over £350million for environmental projects. You'll be able to:

WALK or ride along 8,500 miles of new paths and cycleways.

TAKE to the water along more than 100 miles of restored canals.

ENJOY a greener future thanks to thousands of newly-planted trees.

VISIT new environmental attractions across the UK.

**EXPLORING:** Boosting science and technology with £700m worth of investments.

SEE how the past, present and future come together under the magical Dome in Greenwich.

LEARN about the Earth, the stars and more at new exhibition centres.

TRAVEL to the Moon and back by simulator.

**BUILDING:** Transforming the UK with over £300m spent on construction and regeneration.

NEW international stadiums at Hampden in Glasgow and Cardiff.

CITY centres transformed in a range of places across the UK.

RECLAIMED wasteland sites to improve the environment.

**LEARNING:** Millennium money will help open up both young and old minds to new ideas. More than £200m invested in education will

## Breathing life into communities

create new opportunities and ways to learn.

A MILLION books to schools.

SIX multimedia projects around the UK and an online university for the Highlands and Islands.

MAJOR new education centres.

**UNITING:** The community spirit will live on into the future with £150m devoted to facilities and events.

A TOTAL of 550 new or refurbished village halls.

NEW facilities for 600 churches.

OVER 250 new village greens.

SUPPORT for thousands of festivals to celebrate the year 2000.

**ACHIEVING:** £200m will help people turn their dreams into reality.

MILLENNIUM AWARDS to 40,000 people.

A FOUNDATION for the future allowing skills to be passed on.

A NEW Millennium Awards Fellowship which will recognise an individual's achievements.



# From Wigtown to Orkney, discover a lasting legacy

**M**ILLENNIUM COMMISSION projects involve things which are happening now but they're also about the future.

The aim of these ambitious and exciting schemes is to leave a lasting legacy for forthcoming generations to enjoy – in other words, to preserve the energy and excitement of the millennium for years, decades and even centuries to come.

Not all these projects are grand and expensive – although, of course, some are. As well as the flagship initiatives, which are big enough to add real value

to the whole of Scotland, there are also local projects which are hugely valuable to those who use them.

Scotland has received more money from the Millennium Commission than any other part of the United Kingdom. More than £200million is being invested in capital projects alone in Scotland.

That's a huge amount of money, and enough to ensure that the whole nation benefits. But every penny is being wisely spent. From Orkney in the north to Wigtown in the south, every single region in the country will gain from this millennial investment.

The projects chosen on both sides of the border reflect the diverse cultural and social interests to be found throughout the UK.

The really big flagship initiatives are designed to become national attractions.

They'll serve as a source of inspiration to future generations and add to the country's architectural landscape.

They'll also create jobs and help improve the economies around them.

But the local projects, while smaller, will be no less worthy. They will help to enhance local environments, and provide focal points for the communities they serve.

None of these schemes would have seen the light of day were it not for the involvement of the Millennium Commission.

No matter what their size, Millennium Projects are designed to provide a new layer of cultural and economic assets that will stretch right across the UK.

## BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITIES ...

A PROJECT to floodlight 400 churches is being backed by the Millennium Commission to the tune of £2.3 million.

A grand switching-on ceremony will take place on New Year's Eve. As well as ushering in the new millennium in lights, it will also be heralded by the music which traditionally comes from church bells.

In a project attracting £3m of money from the Commission, unserviceable bells have been restored and new ones hung in more than 100 different places.

Many large-scale city developments will help breathe new life into public places.

The investment may be in providing better, higher quality city centres. Or it could be in building new sports and arts venues to provide a focus for leisure and to reinforce local cultural heritage.



**FUTURE ...** Agnew Park in Wigtown has been redeveloped



**TREE AND EASY ...** projects like the Millennium Forest for Scotland have been started



Millennium Projects will make a real contribution in Scotland. They are already bringing enjoyment to millions and there will be further benefits as new schemes are finished and come onstream.

Among the biggest and most popular projects to be funded by the Millennium Commission in Scotland are:

#### **OUR DYNAMIC EARTH, EDINBURGH**

Last July, Her Majesty The Queen opened Our Dynamic Earth in

Edinburgh. This was the very first of the Landmark Millennium Projects to open anywhere in Britain.

Our Dynamic Earth is a unique visitor centre, which will take people on a journey through time.

Visitors will witness the formation and history of the planet through interactive exhibits starting with the Big Bang, moving through evolution and natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanoes and meteorites.

The attraction, which is set against the stunning backdrop of Salisbury

Crag in Edinburgh, is already turning out to be one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions with over a quarter of a million visitors in the four months since it opened.

The building, which is architecturally extremely impressive, is set on three levels and has a stone amphitheatre seating up to 1,000 people.

Our Dynamic Earth uses state-of-the-art technology and special effects, and is geared towards education.

It also provides special programmes tailored to the schools curriculum for groups of youngsters.

#### **GLASGOW SCIENCE CENTRE**

The new Glasgow Science Centre is currently being built on the former Garden Festival site on the south bank of the Clyde close to the city centre.

It is expected to become the city's biggest tourist attraction when it opens.

The Millennium Commission has invested £35million in the project.

When fully complete in 2001, it will include a 100-metre tall tower built to a revolutionary new slim design; a titanium-clad exhibition hall with more than 13,000 square metres of space and Scotland's first IMAX theatre.

The Science Centre will be set in highly attractive landscaped grounds, and is set to attract 600,000 visitors

a year. The exhibition hall will have a planetarium, 500 interactive exhibits, film and lecture theatres and corporate hospitality space as well as a cafe.

The centre will be an educational resource as much as a tourist attraction and will serve as a major contributor to the economy of the city.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**

The new University of the Highlands and Islands is one of the most exciting and ambitious projects to be funded by the Millennium Commission.

This revolutionary University is not a traditional campus-based higher education institution.

Instead, it's an online facility made up of colleges and research institutions spread throughout this vast region of Scotland and linked together by modern technology.

The university, which has already started to offer its first courses, uses e-mail and video-conferencing to link its teaching staff with some 4,000 students spread across 13 different sites.

The project has received a grant of £33.3million and will create huge learning opportunities for people living in some of the most remote and sparsely populated areas of Scotland.

It guarantees the same academic standards and

## Bringing people together

**M**ILLENNIUM projects will support and refresh our communities, the very building blocks of our society, where the impact of human interaction is often strongest.

These projects will bring communities together and provide a lasting symbol of community life.

The Millennium Commission is investing money right across Scotland – not just in tourist areas – so that the benefits the projects bring such as jobs and investment are universal.

There is a flagship project in every region of Britain, with thousands of smaller community and environmental projects spread around.

It's estimated that every person in the UK lives only 30-miles from a Millennium Commission initiative.



#### **PEDAL POWER ... Fife's part of National Cycle Network**

Some schemes will be truly national, bringing benefits to the whole of the UK. For instance, the National Cycle Network will create more than 3,000-miles of cycle route in Britain that will form part of an 8,000-mile network.

The total cost of this project, which will be completed by 2000, is £185.4million and the Commission is providing a grant of £43.5million of this.

The Millennium Library project involves donating 245 Everyman Library titles free of charge to the 4,500 state secondary schools in Britain.

A Web site and six CD-ROM masterclasses will also be set up in order to inspire children from round the world to read world literature.

The total cost of this project is £8million, of which the Commission is providing £4million.

The University of the Highlands and Islands – revolutionary and on-line





**TREE-MENDOUS...** the Millennium Forest project

quality of teaching and degree as any other similar institution in Britain. For the first time ever, it means Highland-based students studying for full-time degrees no longer have to go to the lowlands or beyond for study. They can do so from their own homes.

#### **HAMPDEN PARK, GLASGOW**

Thanks to the Commission's support, the spiritual home of Scottish football is now a modern, world-class facility which is a worthy showpiece for our national game.

The £23million grant helped to pay for the construction of a new South Stand with modern facilities for players, officials and supporters.

There's also a new International Media Centre and a Museum of Football as part of the scheme.

Other facilities included in the project to upgrade the 52,500-seat stadium in Glasgow are the refurbishment of the West Stand and the provision of a Sports Medical Research and Rehabilitation Centre.

#### **THE BIG IDEA**

The Big Idea is the world's first centre dedicated to celebrating the inventions of the past and encouraging the inventions of the future, supported by a £5.5million

grant from the Millennium Commission. The Big Idea is based at Irvine in Ayrshire, on the Ardeer peninsula where Alfred Nobel, who gave his name to the Nobel Prize, established the British Dynamite Company in 1871.

When it opens in spring of 2000, it will be a gigantic fun-filled educational workshop celebrating 1,000 years of invention and discovery and 100 years of Nobel prizes.

Visitors to the Big Idea will experience an interactive exhibition based on technology including a theatre based on the work of Nobel laureates and a section on the history of explosions, right through to modern day space exploration.

#### **SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE**

This is a new all weather wildlife and environmental interpretative centre which will open in North Berwick in the spring of 2000.

The centre is being built on what was a derelict harbour in the town and has been supported by the Commission's grant of £1million.

It is the first attraction of its type in Britain, and will provide a unique insight into some of the largest seabird colonies in Europe.

## What's the story? Scotland's glory!

Visitors will be able to access 12 different species of seabird on islands off the coast of the town by viewing through remote controlled cameras.

The centre will be particularly appealing to children and is likely to prove highly attractive to school parties. It will feature study facilities as well as a shop and a restaurant.

#### **OTHER MILLENNIUM PROJECTS IN SCOTLAND**

As well as these big single location projects, other schemes will also have a major part to play in helping communities to mark the close of the second millennium and celebrate the start of the third.

**Waterways:** One of the most ambitious schemes of all is the re-opening of the Forth and Clyde and Union canals to navigation.

This project, called the **Millennium Link**, will once again provide a route between the two great rivers of central Scotland and the cities beside them – Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The scheme, the brainchild of British Waterways, is a huge construction task, involving the removal of obstacles such as low bridges and the reinstatement of previously filled-in sections of the canals.

There will also be a spectacular device – the Millennium Wheel – to allow boats to pass between the two waterways at Falkirk.

A contribution of £32.2million from the Millennium Commission will go towards constructing this important leisure and employment facility bringing lasting benefits right across the Central Belt. Another water-based scheme the **Water of Leith Millennium Project** will develop 10 miles of Edinburgh's river from Balerno to Leith, transforming it into a green corridor.

**Woodlands:** Another important initiative with environmental benefits for the Scottish landscape is the **Millennium Forest** project.

This scheme involves no less than 77 individual projects aimed at significantly extending native woodlands and conserving wildlife throughout the country. A total of £11.3million is being invested by the Commission in this scheme.

**Education:** Another major education initiative is the development of the Scottish Cultural Resource Access Network, or **SCRAN** for short.

This will present Scotland's cultural resources in an affordable and accessible way to schools,

colleges and libraries throughout the country.

The project has received a Millennium Commission contribution of £7.5million that will enable information about the history and artefacts of Scotland to be stored, retrieved and reworked by teachers via CD-ROM, the Internet and cable TV.

Another education project **Sensation**, in Dundee, has been supported by a £4.7million grant. It will intrigue and educate visitors about the history of discoveries, life sciences and technology through interactive displays.

**Village halls and Community Centres:** There will be 56 new and improved village and community halls throughout rural areas of Scotland as part of the **21st Century Halls for Scotland** project.

These halls will offer modern facilities as places for local people to meet and get involved in a range of events and activities.

As well as these halls scattered throughout Scotland, **Bennachie Community Centre** in rural Aberdeenshire, **Glenmoriston Millennium Hall** in Invermoriston and **Kilmarnock Community Centre** will all act as flagship centres in these areas.

The **Children in Glasgow** project is providing two new children's centres in the city, offering children of all ages a safe place to meet, socialise and learn.

**Cycle routes:** The **National Cycle Network** will extend across Scotland, supported by Sustrans with a Millennium Commission grant of over £43m. This will open up new routes for cyclists and walkers alike. A further 308-mile network of rural and urban cycle routes in Fife will link into the National Cycle Network through the **Kingdom of Fife Cycling Initiative**.

**Churches:** Churches throughout Scotland will ring out with new bells, be lit by impressive floodlights or be converted with community facilities under several schemes supported by the Millennium Commission, investing in communities.

**THIS is just a taste of the millennium projects throughout Scotland – there are hundreds of other projects going on near you.**

No matter what their size, Millennium Projects are designed to provide a new layer of cultural and economic assets right across the country and they'll serve the community in a huge number of ways.

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**MISSING LINK ...** The Millennium Link, will provide vertical transportation for boats to pass between the two canals at Falkirk



**HAMPDEN PARK**



**THE BIG IDEA**



**SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE**



**APPLIED SCIENCE ...** Glasgow Science Park will be the city's biggest tourist attraction

## ALL THE STAR ATTRACTIONS

### **Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick**

A new, all-weather Wildlife and Environmental Interpretative Centre. Opens: Spring 2000. Tel: 01620 890202 [www.seabird.org](http://www.seabird.org)

### **Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh**

State-of-the-art technology and immersive special effects. Open now. Tel: 0131 5507800 [www.dynamicearth.co.uk](http://www.dynamicearth.co.uk)

### **Glasgow Science Centre**

New science centre. Opens Spring 2001. IMAX Cinema opens autumn 2000. Tel: 0141 4205000

### **Hampden Park, Glasgow**

A new South Stand, an International Media Centre and a Museum of Football at Scotland's National Stadium. Now open. Tel: 0141 6499256 [www.hampden.org.uk](http://www.hampden.org.uk)

### **The Big Idea, Irvine**

The world's first inventor centre celebrating inventions. Opens Spring 2000. Tel: 01294 461999 [www.bigidea.org.uk](http://www.bigidea.org.uk)

### **The Pickaquoy Project, Kirkwall, Orkney.**

Multi-purpose centre. Open Summer 2001. Tel: 01856 873 535

### **21st Century Halls for Scotland, Inverness**

Tel: 01463 235 633. Many open now.

### **The University of the Highlands and Islands Project**

Tel: 01463 236 000. Open now.

### **Bennachie Community Centre, Insh**

Tel: 01464 820 707. Open now.

### **Glenmoriston Village Hall, Invermoriston**

Tel: 01320 351 228. Open now.

### **Sensation, Dundee**

Science centre. Open summer 2000. Tel: 01382 223 100

### **Kingdom of Fife Cycleways**

Tel: 01592 414 141. Open winter 1999.

### **Kilmarnock Community Centre**

Tel: 01389 830 390. Open winter 99.

### **Millennium Forest for Scotland**

Tel: 0141 229 2001. Open spring 2000.

### **Millennium Link**

Forth & Clyde and Union Canal. Tel: 0141 332 6936. Open summer 2001

### **Children in Glasgow**

Two new children's centres. Tel: 0141 287 5082. Open now.

### **SCRAN**

Multi-media project. Open autumn 2000. Tel: 0131 662 1211

### **Water of Leith, Edinburgh**

River development. Open summer 2000. Tel: 0131 443 1682.

### **Agnew Park, Wigtown**

Town centre park. Open now. Tel: 01776 702 151



A wide variety of new attractions are on the cards for residents and visitors to Scotland next century. Science, seabirds and state-of-the-art technology can all be found in Scotland. You can even discover the history of the planet!

## Glasgow Science Centre



This new centre is situated on a 12-acre site on the south bank of the River Clyde. Visitors will be able to explore scientific subjects through interactive exhibits and outreach activities.

Tel: 0141 420 5000  
Open spring 2001  
(IMAX Cinema opens Autumn 2000)  
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## Millennium Link, Forth & Clyde and Union Canal



Glasgow and Edinburgh will be linked by water with the re-opening of the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal to navigation. The Millennium Wheel will allow boats to pass between the two canals at Falkirk.

Tel: 0141 332 6936  
www.millenniumlink.org.uk  
Open summer 2001  
Map ref: 10

## Scottish Seabird Centre, North Broom



A new, all-weather Wildlife and Environmental Interpretative Centre is to be hatched on part of what was a derelict harbour.

Tel: 01620 890 202  
www.seabird.org  
Open spring 2000  
Map ref: 11

## Hampden Park Stadium, Glasgow



Scotland's national stadium has been brought to international standards with the development of a new South Stand, an international Media Centre and a Museum of Football.

Tel: 0141 649 9256  
Web site: www.hampden.org.uk  
Open now  
Map ref: 14

## Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh



State-of-the-art technology and immersive special effects will take you on a journey of discovery around the planet from the big bang to a tropical rainforest.

Tel: 0131 550 7800  
www.dynamicearth.co.uk  
Open now  
Map ref: 17

## The Big Idea, Irvine



The world's first inventor centre celebrating the inventions of the past and encouraging the inventions of the future, based on the site of Alfred Nobel's factory.

Tel: 01294 461 999  
www.bigidea.org.uk  
Open spring 2000  
Map ref: 18

## Other Millennium Projects

The Pickaquo Project,  
Kilwall, Orkney  
Multi-purpose centre  
Tel: 01856 873 535  
Open summer 2001  
Map ref: 1

21st Century Halls for Scotland,  
Inverness  
Tel: 01463 235 633  
Open now  
Map ref: 2

The University of the Highlands and Islands Project  
Tel: 01463 236 000  
Open now  
Map ref: 3

Bannachie Community Centre, Inverness  
Tel: 01463 820 707  
Open now  
Map ref: 4

Glenmoriston Village Hall,  
Invermoriston  
Tel: 01320 351 228  
Open now  
Map ref: 5

Sensations, Dundee  
Science centre  
Tel: 01382 223 100  
Open now  
Map ref: 6

Kingdom of Fife Cycleways  
Tel: 01592 414 141  
Open winter 1999  
Map ref: 7

Kilmarnock Community Centre  
Tel: 01389 830 390  
Open winter 1999  
Map ref: 12

The Millennium Forest for Scotland  
Tel: 0141 229 2001  
Open spring 2000  
Map ref: 8

Children in Glasgow  
Two new children's centres  
Tel: 0141 287 5082  
Open now  
Map ref: 13

SCRAN  
Multi-media project  
Tel: 0131 662 1211  
Open autumn 2000  
Map ref: 15

Water of Leith, Edinburgh  
River development  
Tel: 0131 443 1682  
Open summer 2000  
Map ref: 16

Agnew Park, Wigtown  
Town centre park  
Tel: 01776 202 151  
Open now  
Map ref: 19

- Major Millennium Projects
- Millennium Projects
- University of Highlands & Islands
- Millennium Forest for Scotland
- woodlands extended and wildlife conserved
- 21st Century Halls for Scotland
- new and improved village halls
- Millennium Centres
- new community centres
- Church Floodlighting
- churches with new floodlights
- Ringling in the Millennium
- churches with newly restored bells
- Rural Churches in Community
- churches converted with community facilities
- Changing Places
- reclaimed city sites
- National Cycle Network
- a network of new cycleways
- Canal Route







Liz Marquis

Using traditional tales and folklore, Liz Marquis encouraged schoolchildren in South Ayrshire to take an interest in environmental issues.

The children then used the knowledge to perform plays for the local community. Liz received training in youth work and outdoor education, and says:

"The project gave me the confidence to organise public events and work with large groups." Liz received a Millennium Forest for Scotland Award of £2,605.

If you are interested in applying for a Millennium Award please telephone 0800 068071 2000 or visit [www.starpeople.org.uk](http://www.starpeople.org.uk)

and creative year-long festival made possible by a partnership of the National Lottery Good Causes and the New Millennium Experience Company.

Below is a selection of Millennium Festivals taking place throughout 2000. If you would like further details on the festivals below or the thousands of other festivals taking place please contact 01229 219 905 or visit [www.festival2000.co.uk](http://www.festival2000.co.uk)

- Feb - Oct Threads in the Tartan Festival Glasgow & Scotland-wide Tel: 01548 602 315
- Jul Millennium Celebration Tour Argyll & Bute
- Jan - Aug East Lothian Millennium Festival: Science / Nature Region-wide Tel: 01620 827 332
- Jan Edinburgh's Hogmanay Millennium Edinburgh Tel: 0131 529 4484
- Jan Millennium Dawn Dundee Tel: 01382 434 278
- Jan Inverness Highland Hogmanay Celebrations Inverness
- Jan - Apr Millennium Celebrations and Easter School Dumfries & Galloway
- Jan - Aug Aberdeen 2000 Community Millennium Events Aberdeen Tel: 01224 522 472
- Jan - Nov Superdays Glasgow Tel: 0141 247 5527
- Jan - May St Conval's Fair East Renfrewshire Tel: 0141 577 3851
- Jan - Aug Oban Millennium Celebrations Oban Tel: 01838 200 650

- Jan - Dec Living in Harmony Cuckmannanshire Tel: 01259 452 490
- Jan - Dec Maypole Year 2000 Celebrations Maybole
- Jan - Dec Land of Creativity Scottish Borders Tel: 01700 20055
- Jan A Better Place to Live Region-wide Tel: 01718 475 006
- Feb - Jun Edinburgh International Science Festival Towards 2000 Scotland-wide Tel: 0131 530 2001
- Feb - Jun Millennium Health and Fitness Festivals Scotland-wide Tel: 0131 534 2561
- Feb - Aug Youth Millennium Commonwealth Games Edinburgh Tel: 0131 336 1924
- Feb - Dec Festival of Opportunity Dundee Tel: 01382 200 422
- Feb - Dec A Millennium Initiative Linking Communities to the Scottish Parliament Scotland-wide
- Apr Celebrating Our Environment 2000 Hamilton Tel: 01698 454 588
- Apr - Sep Celebrating Scotland's Kings, Queens, Writers and Jugglers Falkland Tel: 01337 858 367
- Apr - Sep Health Fair Glasgow Tel: 0141 563 7767

- Apr - Dec Beoshillain Quarter Holidays Tel: 01876 500 293
- May Lockerbie Community Millennium Exhibition Lockerbie Tel: 01576 203 873
- May Mayday Millennium Celebrations Stirling
- Jun Royal Robtway Regatta Robtway
- Jun - Jul Urst Millennium Festival Stirling
- Jul Carlaverlock 2000 Dumfries & Galloway
- Jul The Loch Lomond Highland Games 2000 West Dunbartonshire
- Jul Millennium Festival of Flight East Fortune Tel: 01620 860 308
- Aug Gordon 2000 - A Homecoming to Humly Aberdeen Tel: 01466 799 178
- Sep Anson Chillum Chille Fraserburgh Tel: 01478 612 177
- Oct An Commun Gudhealach Urru Gu Linn Burren



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Locations are approximate

The Millennium Guide range

Guides to millennium initiatives in other regions around the UK are available from the Millennium Commission. Guides are available for the following regions:

- East Anglia
- East Midlands
- London
- North
- Northern Ireland
- North West
- South East
- South West
- Wales
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humberside



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Tony Blair meets Millennium Award winner Alison Straker

**“The Millennium Awards are something to be so proud of. You can make a difference where it matters most – in the heart of the community”**

## – PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR

**WE all have dreams. Many of us have an ambition to do some small thing to help build a better world, perhaps, or to make a contribution which will assist others.**

The trouble is it's often difficult to turn that dream into reality. There are always obstacles – time or money, perhaps, or knowing where to go for advice.

That's why the Millennium Awards have been created. These Awards

are specifically designed to help individuals turn bright ideas into action.

They allow ordinary people to do extraordinary things by helping not just themselves but also the communities they work with.

The importance of the Awards was recognised when Prime Minister Tony Blair launched the scheme earlier this year.

More than 150 of the first winners travelled from all over the UK to be together for the first time at the ceremony.

The Prime Minister welcomed the Fellowship as a positive social change for

the start of the new millennium.

He said: “This accolade is something people can be so proud of.

“It tells the world they have shown the energy and commitment to make a difference where it matters most – at the heart of their communities.”

Here are the key factors that make the scheme so successful and which left the Prime Minister so impressed.

### What are the Millennium Awards?

Millennium Awards encourage individuals to fulfil personal goals by

sharing their skills with others, to challenge attitudes and to become involved in active citizenship.

### What sort of people can obtain these Awards?

They are available to people of all backgrounds, abilities and ages. There's really no typical winner or project – every one is unique. The youngest person to receive an Award so far has been 15, and the oldest 92!

All over Scotland, people are picking up Awards to turn their innovative ideas into action. People like Michael Hosken from Newton Stewart, who is helping bring the benefits of the Internet to pensioners and the unemployed.

Or like Liz Marquis, the Director of the South Ayrshire Energy Agency, who is helping to teach young people in an unemployment blackspot about a host of important environmental issues.

Michael, Liz and other Scots who have qualified for Awards have received Lottery grants of between £2,000 and £15,000.

In total, the Millennium Commission is making £200million available for the schemes and, at present, £1million a month is being allocated.

Half of this cash – £100million – will be made available for use over the

next two years. The remaining £100million will be set aside as a permanent investment fund to enable these Awards to continue to be made available into the future.

The Millennium Commission doesn't make grants to individuals directly. Instead, the Awards are channelled through voluntary organisations with a proven track record in grant allocation and an established link to the communities they serve.

Working in partnership with these bodies to ensure the money is distributed efficiently and effectively makes a lot of sense. Many of them are well established and respected UK-wide organisations – Age Concern, the British Council, Help The Aged, Mencap, the Open University and the Prince's Trust, for instance.

Other organisations such as the Edinburgh Environment Partnership and the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust are focused north of the border, where they have a deep understanding of the issues involved.

There may be a huge range of activities on offer, but everyone who takes part in a Millennium Award Scheme is special.

They've given their time, energy, experience and talents in the service of



SKY'S THE LIMIT ... the Edinburgh Environmental Partnership Awards





## LORNA GIVES THEM FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**SMILING LORNA McAVOY from Glasgow was a milestone Millennium Award winner.**

Such was the speed of the uptake on the scheme that back in August she was the 6,000th person to land some cash for a worthwhile initiative.

Lorna received a grant through Community Service Volunteers to develop

a healthy lifestyle project for the pupils at Rosehill High School in Coatbridge.

Her Award of £5,490 was put to good use, and the number of winners in the Awards Scheme continues to rocket.

Since this Award was announced the roll of honours has now shot up to over 10,000 and it continues to rise every week.

**Picture: PETER SANDGROUND**

others, and they received satisfaction, confidence, knowledge and self-belief in return.

### A united Fellowship

In order to celebrate, record and recognise the energy, imagination and achievement of our Millennium Award winners, we created the Millennium Awards Fellowship.

When our Award winners have completed their activities, they are granted lifetime membership of the

Fellowship. This recognises their commitment, their achievements and talents.

Entry into the Fellowship is, of course, an accolade in itself, and the Commission hopes it will assist members in future activities which they may wish to get involved in.

The Fellowship is more than just a testament and recognition of achievements, although it undoubtedly fulfils this role. It's also a new social force - a crucial link between citizens in com-

munities across the country who have shared and benefited from a common experience.

By the year 2000, more than 20,000 people across the United Kingdom will

have received a Millennium Award and qualified for membership of the Fellowship. By 2004, the number of people participating in the schemes will have doubled to 40,000.

They'll be people like Michael Hosken and Liz Marquis. They'll be people like you. If you have a good idea which you think could help others, then what are you waiting for?

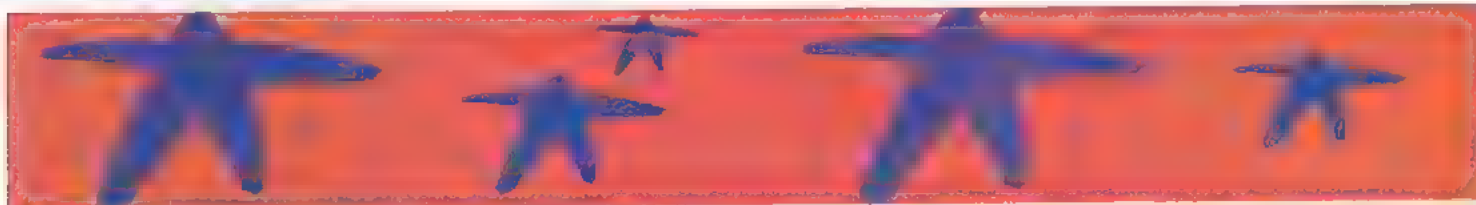
**ARE you interested in applying for one of the Millennium Awards?**

**If you'd like to receive an information pack, then please ring our freephone number: 0800 06801 2000.**

**You can also write to:**

**The Millennium Awards Team,  
The Millennium Commission,  
Portland House, Stag Place,  
LONDON SW1E 5EZ.**

**[www.starpeople.org.uk](http://www.starpeople.org.uk)  
Or e-mail us at  
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A CUT ABOVE THE REST ... Jenny MacKay oversees the felt-making workshop in her very own Millennium Dome

**T**HEY'RE ordinary, everyday people – individuals like you, in fact. But Millennium Award winners are doing some truly extraordinary things.

Through their own time and effort they're serving their community in their own particular way.

In achieving their own personal goals, they're bringing pleasure, knowledge and assistance to others and that's what makes them special.

Millennium Awards are as diverse as they are challenging and enjoyable.

They can involve helping older people to use experience, for instance, or they might mean assisting with environmental and conservation issues or helping to renew our deprived urban communities.

The opportunities available are as wide as the vision of those who are involved.

There are plenty of examples of the Scottish Millennium Award Scheme where winners are making a real difference to their local communities. They include

#### MICHAEL HOSKEN

The 66-year-old from Newton Stewart applied for and won a £5,900 Help the Aged Millennium Award in order to use the Internet as a means of communication to counter the effects of rural and social isolation.

Michael argued that many people have access to the Internet at school or college or in the workplace but pensioners and unemployed people often found themselves excluded from access.

Michael's project is now up and running. And he is actively encouraging older and unemployed people in south west Scotland to use the Internet.

#### LIZ MARQUIS

Liz, 40, is Director of the South Ayrshire Energy Agency. She received a Millennium Award to engage young people in environmental issues by exploring legends about woodlands and trees.

Liz taught local schoolchildren workshop techniques so they could present their discoveries through

## Wide range of schemes to boost

**T**HERE are a huge range of projects funded by the Millennium Awards, all of which make a real difference to local communities.

Here are examples of the sort of Award Schemes which are attracting people.

#### MILLENNIUM FOREST FOR SCOTLAND AWARDS

This stimulating project is offering people in Scotland the chance to participate in an environmental initiative which will extend the cover of native woodland and re-establish links with communities and their local woodlands.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £1.1million**

#### EDINBURGH ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

This project involves Awards of about £3,000 to people throughout Edinburgh to help make Scotland's capital city greener and cleaner.

Applications are invited under a range of themes including energy, transport, waste and conservation.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £610,000**

#### BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS – WEST LOTHIAN

Awards are being offered to residents of West Lothian to break down barriers between people and communities by carrying out projects

which serve a range of functions – changing attitudes, creating understanding, celebrating diversity, improving access to services or information or bringing people together.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £348,500**

#### WESTERN ISLES, SKYE AND LOCHALSH LEADER GROUP

This exciting Scheme is intended to help people living in the Western Isles, Skye and Lochalsh overcome some of the difficulties which can arise in remote rural areas.

The project aims to facilitate new experiences which will have both a personal benefit and longer term

community value. The Awards allow individuals to take trips within the UK and abroad to investigate projects in other regions which could be put into practice in their own communities.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £203,000.**

**T**HERE are also a large number of schemes which cover the whole of the UK and are designed to bring benefit to communities across Britain. These include:

#### HELP THE AGED MILLENNIUM AWARDS

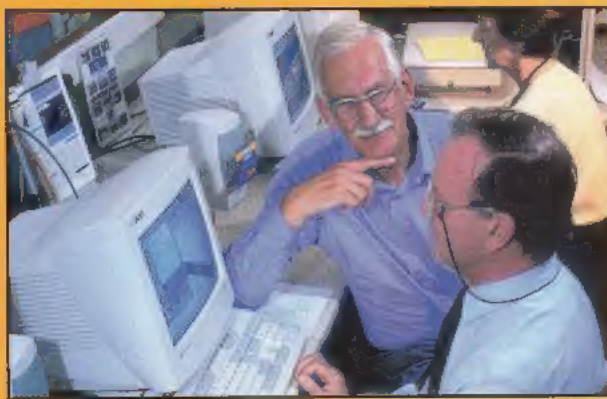
This Scheme offers people living in rural areas the chance to share their talents and enthusiasm with a



# Awards can bring your vision to life



**THE WRITE MOVE ...**  
Awards helped Bridget Biagi (left) to pen a stage play and Michael Hosken (right) to set up a project to encourage the elderly and unemployed to use the Internet



performances at local schools and community groups.

She said: "All in all, more than 150 people became involved. Through organising the project, I began to appreciate the challenges of working with groups of enthusiastic, energetic teenagers living in an isolated rural town with 25 percent unemployment.

"I now feel more confident in pursuing my aims of helping the local community."

## **BRIDGET BIAGI**

Bridget, 64, lived and worked in Scotland for 30 years.

She left the country to care for her 88-year-old mother and now lives

down south in Brighton, where she teaches at a drama college.

Bridget received a Help the Aged Millennium Award to write and stage a play. The work, called *Sophia*, was about Sophia Jex Blake, a doctor in the 19th Century and was performed in a local village hall.

She said: "I wrote a play for the first time and learned I was able to write and adapt novels and biographies. "This gave me confidence as I had not been able to find any work down south in teaching or acting.

"The whole project from start to finish has changed my life.

"I gained self-esteem and confi-

dence as I had found it difficult to settle down south so far from my family and friends.

"Community life now goes from strength to strength, and people say it's all because of my play project."

## **JENNY MACKAY**

Jenny, 57, and two friends built their very own Millennium Dome with a Millennium Forest for Scotland Millennium Award.

It is a Yurt – a circular domed tent stretched over a collapsible lattice framework – which was 12-feet in diameter.

She said: "It has been used as a

setting for felt-making, drama circles, woodcrafts and as a place to feel safe and calm.

"There's been a huge amount of interest in it. We've had several commissions and we've had lots of requests to visit festivals and schools.

"Hopefully, it will become self-funding – we'll hire out the Yurt and offer workshops.

"It has all grown from a small idea and taken over our lives!"

## **GILLIAN FLINT**

Gillian, 25, was born in Wales and later moved to Scotland.

She revealed: "While I was with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, I applied for a BTCV Natural Pioneers Millennium Award.

"My project was to improve two local sites for wildlife while raising the awareness within the local community.

"I'd never done anything similar before. This was one of the best periods of my life, and I don't think I've looked back since.

"It was exciting to see so many people getting involved and making a difference and to watch their pride grow through their participation.

"I am now employed by BTCV and am still involved in the site. I'm organising and leading projects."

## local communities

create new social networks which strengthen their communities.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £2.5million.**

### **BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS NATURAL PIONEERS**

This provides participants with the opportunity to enhance and develop understanding of environmental issues.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £2million.**

### **JACK ASHLEY MILLENNIUM AWARDS FOR YOUNG DEAF PEOPLE**

The National Deaf Children's

Society is offering young deaf people across the UK the chance to undertake a range of challenges in order to boost their self-confidence.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £1.76million.**

### **HELP THE HOSPICES**

This project provides people with a chance to become involved for volunteering for hospices.

**Total Millennium Commission grant: £1.5million.**

●REMEMBER – there is still money available for Millennium Awards. For further details, contact 0800 06801 2000. We're waiting to hear from you!



The launch of the West Lothian Millennium Awards - Breaking Down Barriers, which encourages closer community links





# PARTY ALL

**T**HE coming of the new millennium isn't just a once-in-a-lifetime experience – it's an event which occurs so rarely that it deserves to be celebrated in a totally unique way.

To ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to enjoy this great event, we're funding the biggest year-long celebration Britain has ever seen.

A £100 million Festival Fund has been put together by the Millennium Commission and other Lottery distributors in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales in partnership with the New Millennium Experience Company.

This will support innovative, exciting and memorable celebrations.

The Millennium Festival has provided backing for more than 1,000 projects – many of them in Scotland, which knows more about celebrating any New Year than anywhere else in the world!

There are two rounds of grants – those of more than £5,000 for millennium First Weekend celebrations and Large Festival events and smaller awards of between £500 and £5,000 for locally based community projects, events and activities.

For many, the real highlight of the millennium will be the moment when 1999 turns to 2000. But the Millennium Festival will go on throughout 2000.

Many of the events backed by the Millennium Commission will take place well into next year – and in some cases, up to the end of it.

The projects funded by the Millennium Commission are deliberately diverse and the fund is targeting and helping communities which might otherwise be excluded from the celebrations.

One lasting legacy will be a spirit of co-operation and an understanding of each other which will last for many years to come.

**What sort of things will be happening?**

All across the UK, thousands of events are being planned.

For instance, there will be a series of Millennium Beacons lit in villages, towns and cities as well as bonfires and other activities which will raise money for local charities.

There will be a major National Beacon in Edinburgh, and others in

London, Belfast and Cardiff.

## Scottish Celebrations

Dozens of events are planned in Scotland. From Shetland to Stranraer and from Hawick to Harris, there is something happening.

This is not just on Hogmanay but on the 364 days of the year to follow.

One of the world's biggest celebrations will take place in **Edinburgh**.

Hogmanay in Scotland's capital city is always an awesome event but a Millennium Festival award of £250,000 will ensure that this year's knees-up will be even more memorable.

The grant means that there will be additional artistic and cultural events this year along with technical improvements.

These will include gala

concerts, a programme of carnival, street theatre and fringe events, and even Husky racing!

However, other parts of Scotland won't be excluded from the Hogmanay fun.

In **Inverness**, for instance, a Festival Award of £47,250 should help to ensure that the Highland celebrations go with a real bang this year.

As well as outdoor events there will also be community ceilidhs and family celebrations running over the weekend.

**Dundee**, too, will be at the centre of the action with a programme which will bring a real spark to the city.

Dundee received a Festival Grant of £45,000 to help fund no less than 11 days of events and activities.

In **Aberdeen**, the Festival

Fund is making an £80,000 contribution to a mixed programme of events which will go on right through to October 2000.

As well as spectacular celebrations on millennium weekend, there will be outdoor events through the summer featuring traditional activities such as Highland Games.

The Millennium Commission's contribution to celebrations in **Glasgow** is worth £90,000.

The city's Shine On festival will feature celebrations not just on Hogmanay but also on other traditional Scottish events throughout 2000 including Burns Night and St Andrew's Night.

Some of the Festival events will not concentrate on one particular part of the country,

but will have an impact right across Scotland. For instance, the Millennium Piping Festival, which has funding to the tune of £45,000, aims to promote interest in piping and drumming.

The festival will do this by taking piping to schools and communities. It will culminate in a march through the centre of Edinburgh in August 2000.

One of the great strengths of the Millennium Festival is that it celebrates the diversity of local communities. Here are a few of the Scottish events we're supporting:

**LINN DU GINN:** A huge festival based in Dunoon next October. It will celebrate Scottish and Gaelic music, sport and the arts.

**Award:** £60,000

**SUPERDAYS:** A huge programme in Glasgow



MILLENNIUM PIPING FESTIVAL ... taking piping to schools and communities around Scotland

## Wide range of events



# YEAR LONG



**WE'VE SCOT THE LOT ...** All over Scotland there will be a wide range of ways to celebrate the millennium and the events go on all year

which will encourage the older generation to take part in physical activity. The event will run up until the end of November 2000.

**Award: £30,000**

**MUSEUM OF FLIGHT:** A programme of flying at five Scottish airfields along with a two-day air show next July at the Museum of Flight at East Fortune, East Lothian.

**Award: £36,195**

**CELEBRATING OUR ENVIRONMENT 2000:** Young people are organising a series of workshops in South Lanarkshire next April.

**Award: £20,000**

**MINI HIGHLAND GAMES:** This is an Inverness-based project next May and June to celebrate Scotland's Highland tradition.

**Award: £7,620**

**MILLENNIUM ROYAL CAMPBELTOWN 300:** Celebrations of the 300th

anniversary of Campbeltown becoming a royal burgh. The event will run from March to September 2000.

**Award: £50,000**

**MILLENNIUM HEALTH FAIRS:** Three fairs in Milngavie, Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch in April and September 2000. Stalls will promote health and well-being services.

**Award: £30,000**

**BERNERAY:** This Hebridean island will mark the millennium with a multimedia exhibition, a video youth project and a drama presentation. The projects run all through 2000.

**Award: £16,250**

**ROYAL ROTHESAY REGATTA:** Three-day sailing regatta next June involving all Clyde yacht clubs.

**Award: £25,000**

## MID GALLOWAY RURAL SPORTS FAIR:

People of all age groups and abilities will attend this rural sports fair to be held in Newton Stewart next June.

**Award: £2,500**

**LIVING IN HARMONY:** A year-long programme in Clackmannanshire celebrating the area's history.

**Award: £50,000**

**FIFE CELEBRATIONS:** A large programme of events in Falkland and Fife celebrating Scottish heritage.

**Award: £42,450**

**ARAINN CHALUIM CHILLE FESTIVAL:** An international event to be held in Skye next September. The festival will bring together the Gaelic communities of Scotland and Ireland.

**Award: £30,000**

**FOR further details of the events or grants still available contact 01259 219 905.**

## Major Millennium events in Scotland

### Jan - Aug

East Lothian Millennium Festival: Science / Nature Region-wide, Tel: 01620 827 332

### Jan

Edinburgh's Hogmanay Millennium, Edinburgh Tel: 0131 529 4484

### Jan

Millennium Dawn, Dundee. Tel: 01382 434 278

### Jan

Inverness Highland Hogmanay Celebrations, Inverness

### Jan

A Better Place to Live, Region-wide. Tel: 01738 475 006

### Jan - Apr

Millennium Celebrations and Easter School, Dumfries & Galloway

### Jan - May

St Conval's Fair, East Renfrewshire. Tel: 0141 577 3851

### Jan - Aug

Aberdeen 2000 Community Millennium Events. Tel: 01224 522 472

### Jan - Aug

The Millennium Piping Festival, Edinburgh & Scotland-wide. Tel: 0131 220 1715

### Jan - Aug

Oban Millennium Celebrations, Oban. Tel: 01838 200 650

### Jan - Nov

Superdays, Glasgow. Tel: 0141 287 5527

### Jan - Dec

Maybole Year 2000 Celebrations.

### Jan - Dec

Land of Creativity, Scottish Borders. Tel: 01750 20555

### Feb - Oct

Threads in the Tartan Festival Glasgow & Scotland-wide Tel: 01546 602 315

### Feb - Jun

Edinburgh International Science Festival, Towards 3000, Scotland-wide. Tel: 0131 530 2001

### Feb - Jun

Millennium Health and Fitness Festivals, Scotland-wide. Tel: 0131 554 2561

### Feb - Aug

Millennium Commonwealth Youth Games, Edinburgh.

Tel: 0131 336 1924

### Feb - Dec

Festival of Opportunity, Dundee. Tel: 01382 200 422

### Feb - Dec

A Millennium Initiative Linking Communities to the Scottish Parliament, Scotland-wide.

### Apr

Celebrating Our Environment 2000, Hamilton. Tel: 01698 454 988

### Apr - Sep

Celebrating Scotland's Kings, Queens, Jesters and Jugglers, Falkland. Tel: 01337 858 367

### Apr - Sep

Health Fair, Glasgow. Tel: 0141 563 7767

### Apr - Dec

Beoshlaintean, Outer Hebrides. Tel: 01876 500 293

### May

Lockerbie Community Millennium Exhibition. Tel: 01576 202 813

### May

Mayday Millennium Celebrations, Stirling.

### Jun

Royal Rothesay Regatta.

### Jun - July

Unst Millennium Festival, Shetland

### Jan - Dec

Living in Harmony, Clackmannanshire. Tel: 01259 452 490

### July

Caerlaverlock 2000, Dumfries and Galloway

### July

The Loch Lomond Highland Games 2000, West Dunbartonshire

### July

Millennium Festival of Flight East Fortune. Tel: 01620 880 308

### July

Millennium Celebration Orchestral Tour, Argyll & Bute

### Aug

Gordon 2000 - a Homecoming to Huntly, Aberdeenshire. Tel: 01466 799 178

### Sep

Arainn Chaluirn Chille Festival 2000, Skye. Tel: 01478 612 177

### Oct

An Commun Gaidhealach, Linn Gu Linn, Dunoon.



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Tel: 0141 420 5000

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Tel: 01620 890 202 [www.seabird.org](http://www.seabird.org)

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State of the art technology and immersive special effects will take you on a journey of discovery around the planet from the big bang to a tropical rainforest. Open now.  
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**BERNACHIE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSCHEATH**  
This flagship community centre in rural Aberdeenshire has been open to the local community since February 1997.  
Tel: 01464 820 707

**MILLENNIUM FOREST FOR SCOTLAND**  
Native woodlands will spread across Scotland as this scheme encourages the planting of indigenous trees. Combined with the conservation of existing woodlands and wildlife, this project offers a sustainable future for the Scottish Forest.  
Openings: 77 locations will open at different times.  
Tel: 0141 229 2001

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